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## NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UP 5 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., December 27, 2006 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006, was 3 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was 5 percent above December 1, 2005, and up 2 percent from September 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 365,000 head, was 4 percent above both December 1, 2005, and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.64 million head, was 5 percent above last year and 1 percent above last quarter.

The September-November 2006 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.67 million head, was 5 percent above 2005 and 9 percent above 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 180,000 head, up 3 percent from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 180,000 sows during the December 2006-February 2007 quarter, up 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2006 and 2005. Intended farrowings for March-May 2007, at 180,000 sows, are the same as 2006 but 3 percent above 2005.

## U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006 was 62.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from December 1, 2005, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 6.09 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2006 pig crop, at 26.6 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 3 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the December 2006-February 2007 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2006 and 2005. Intended farrowings for March-May 2007, at 2.93 million sows, are up 1 percent from 2006 and up 2 percent from 2005.

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